

HB 1213

Take action TODAY to save our smokefree bill ! !

Last week, the Indiana House of Representatives passed HB1213. As originally written, this bill would give everyone who lives and works in our state basic health protection from secondhand smoke. Unfortunately the House added unacceptable loopholes that leave out the workers most impacted by secondhand smoke—those who work in bars and casinos.

Please ask members of the Indiana Senate to restore HB1213 to remove the exemptions that were added in the House and protect all Hoosier workers.

All Indiana workers deserve to breathe smokefree air at work. Secondhand smoke contains 4,000 chemicals, including up to 69 carcinogens.

No one should have to choose between their health and a paycheck.

Please ask members of the Indiana Senate to remove these exemptions and pass a comprehensive smokefree workplace bill so we all have the right to breathe free from secondhand smoke.

The bill sponsors for HB 1213 in the Senate are Senators Gary Dillon, Ed Charbonneau and Sue Errington.

The bill has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Public Policy and Interstate Cooperation. Senator Ron Alting from Lafayette is chair of this committee.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP:

1. Please contact your member of the Indiana Senate, especially if that Senator is a member of the committee that will hear HB1213 [see list below], and the Senator to SUPPORT a comprehensive smokefree workplace law that protects ALL workers and removes the exemptions that were added in the House.
2. Ask your Senator to OPPOSE preemption of the authority of local municipalities to adopt a stronger law than state law.
3. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper urging the Indiana General Assembly to only pass a comprehensive smokefree workplace law that protects all workers and to not settle for weak, loophole-filled partial measures that leave workers behind.

Contact your member of the Indiana Senate by telephone by calling: 1-800-382-9467.

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